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#### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Attached please find Form PTO-1449 together with the references as stated in the specification.

- EP 0 598 970 as discussed on Page 1 of the specification. No translation is available at this time.
  - DE 26 14 160 as discussed on Page 2 of the specification.
  - U.S. Patent No. 3,085,608 as discussed on Page 2 of the specification.
  - GB 484,929 as discussed on Page 2 of the specification.
  - GB 1 270 777 as discussed on Page 2 of the specification.
  - EP 0 502 273 as discussed on Page 2 of the specification.
  - U.S. Patent No. 3,509,007 as discussed on Page 2 of the specification.
  - U.S. Patent No. 3,292,619 as discussed on Page 2 of the specification.

The following references have been cited in the International Phase of the above-

identified application.

- EP 0 598 970 discloses a method and apparatus for manufacturing a product in membrane or film for covering sanitary towels or nappies or for filtering systems, and such like. The reference has been cited under Category Y as being relevant to International claims 1 and 24. This reference has been previously cited above.
- U.S. Patent 6,395,211 discloses a method and calendar for treating a sheet. The reference has been cited under Category Y as being relevant to International claims 1 and 24.
- DE 197 50 459 discloses a calender for perforating a nonwoven web. The reference has been cited under Category X as being relevant to International claims 1 and 24. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.
- U.S. Patent 5,709,829 discloses a method for manufacturing product in membrane or film form. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 1 and 34.
- U.S. Patent 6,007,468 discloses an apparatus for manufacturing a product in membrane or film form for covering sanitary towels or nappies or for filtering systems. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 1 and 34.
- U.S. Patent 5,207,962 discloses a method of making apertured film fabrics. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 1 and 34.
- DE 34 16 004 discloses a process for producing a nonwoven with a perforated structure and calender for carrying out the process. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 1 and 34. No full translation is available

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Consideration of the references is requested.

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GB 1 270 777	April 12, 1972	United Kingdom	Yes
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